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**REQUEST PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b) FOR WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF
ABANDONMENT**

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The Notice of Abandonment was improperly issued, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b) it is respectfully requested that the same should be withdrawn, because the issue fee was forwarded to the Office along with the appropriate Fee Transmittal form on May 31, 2002. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b)(2), an additional copy of the Fee Transmittal form is enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of the check sent with the Fee Transmittal form and a copy of the date

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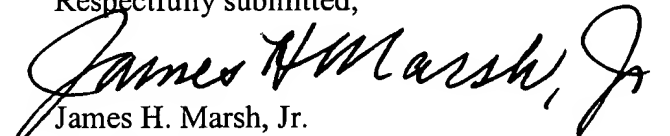
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In view of the foregoing and the attachments hereto, it is respectfully submitted that the Notice of Abandonment should be withdrawn and the patent issued promptly. If the Office should have any questions concerning the foregoing communication and/or any of the attachments hereto, it is respectfully suggested that applicant's undersigned attorney may be contacted at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,


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